Forest Land- Gadchiroli

Diversion of 1.891 ha. Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-378, SH-375 and VR-209 from Chatgaon to Recha in Dhanora Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR-125/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 19.05.2023

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/99/2023-24, Dated 11/04/2023.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 1.891 ha. Forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-378, SH-375 and VR-209 from Chatgaon to Recha in Dhanora Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant 'In-Principle' approval to the diversion of 1.891 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-378, SH-375 and VR-209 from Chatgaon to Recha in Dhanora Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Comptt No	Survey No.	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (Sq.m)	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status
1	Chatgaon	396	1,61,2	545	0.5	272.5	0.0273	PF
			4	293	0.5	146.5	0.0147	RF
2	Katezari	397	79	263	0.5	131.5	0.0132	RF
3	Khutgaon	393	16 (139)	2018	0.5	1009	0.1009	RF
		392	5	1477	0.5	738.5	0.0739	RF
4	Sakhera	391	79	1264	0.5	632	0.0632	RF
		390	79	252	0.5	126	0.0126	RF
			75	242	0.5	121	0.0121	PF
			48	584	0.5	292	0.0292	RF
5	Karwafa	199	305 (245)	486	0.5	243	0.0243	PF
		201	314	3018	0.5	1509	0.1509	RF
6	Zari	203	121(33)	590	0.5	295	0.0295	RF
		204	50	647	0.5	323.5	0.0324	PF

7	Fulbodi	355	7	124	0.5	62	0.0062	RF
			149 (134)	2952	0.5	1476	0.1476	RF
8	Pustola	354	12(42), 9(1)	675	0.5	337.5	0.0338	RF
9	Bhapda	232	57,58	598	0.5	299	0.0299	PF
10	Yedmpaili Ku	353	31,28	932	0.5	466	0.0466	RF
11	Bargal Meta	343	Block	1313	0.5	656.5	0.0657	RF
		342	Block	2500	0.5	1250	0.1250	RF
12	Gatta	235	194 (68), 238 (37), 265 (100), 262(18) 157 (75)	1531	0.5	765.5	0.0766	RF
13	Sinsur	236	66	1312	0.5	656	0.0656	RF
		237	76,103	1300	0.5	650	0.0650	PF
14	Chichoda	240	26,11	2721	0.5	1361	0.1361	RF
			2	683	0.5	341.5	0.0342	PF
15	Block Forest	245	-	1980	0.5	990	0.0990	RF
		246	-	1128	0.5	564	0.0564	RF
		247	-	1436	0.5	718	0.0718	RF
16	Mohagaon	269	12	563	0.5	281.5	0.0282	RF
17	Pendhari	248	4	2415	0.5	1208	0.1208	PF
18	Recha	249	52(2)	1974	0.5	987	0.0987	RF
	Total			**37816**		**18908**	**1.891**	

2. <u>This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-</u>

1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land at village- Bargal Meta (Comptt. No.342 & 343), village- Block Forest (Comptt. No.245, 246 & 247), along with Stage-I compliance.
3) Deputy Conservator of Forests has certified that proposed forest area is part of Tiger Corridor as per Tiger Conservation plan of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve Chandrapur, therefore user agency shall obtain wildlife clearance and / or ensure compliance of mitigation measures if required and suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife).
4) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
5) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
6) If User Agency has not submitted bank guarantee or paid security deposit with concern road authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of

concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.

7) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

8) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.

9) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.

10) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.

11) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.

12) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.

13) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

14) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.

15) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.

16) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.

17) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.

18) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

19) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.

20) The Proposed work shall be carried out only during day time.

21) The User Agency after implementation of the project shall provide internet broadband connection of 100 Mbps speed to West Murumgaon and East Murumgaon Range offices.

22) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.

23) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.

24) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.

25) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202305191800439419. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli.
11. M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune.
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